

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 7, 8, 10 and 16 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. The claims remain unchanged notwithstanding the Examiner repeated/modified rejections relying on *Kaneko*.

The art rejections relying on *Kaneko* are traversed because *Kaneko* is not prior art. The Examiner argues in paragraph 10 of the Final Office Action that Applicant is not entitled to the Taiwanese application No. 090113903 because the instant application was filed more than one year after the filing date of the Taiwanese application. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Applicant is entitled to the Taiwanese priority date of June 6, 2001, because:

- (i) the instant application was filed (October 19, 2001) less than one year after the Taiwanese priority date; and
- (ii) the priority claim was timely made (May 8, 2002) within the later of four months from the actual US filing date or sixteen months from the Taiwanese priority date.

Because Applicant is entitled to the Taiwanese priority date of June 6, 2001, which antedates the earliest effective reference date of *Kaneko* (July 20, 2001), the *Kaneko* reference is not prior art applicable against the claims of the instant application.

The final rejections of all rejected claims should be withdrawn. The next Office Action, if any, should not be made final.

Applicant attaches herewith a Supplemental Application Data Sheet under *37 CFR 1.76(c)* to reflect the correct foreign priority information.

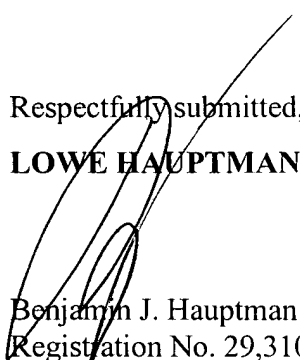
The present application is clearly in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under *37 C.F.R. 1.136* is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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